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to serve and help. There are abundant sentences as incisive as this, "Life on our planet would be unendurable if animals as well as human beings were permitted to chatter about their diseases."

Modernist Studies in the Life of Jesus. By Ray Oakley Miller. Boston: Sherman, French & Co., 1917. Pp. 52. \$0.80.

This book is curiously constructed. It contains seven short studies in the life and character of Jesus between which are set single-page meditations on subjects not relevant or particularly interesting. The author distinguishes between the transient and the permanent in the life of Jesus, arriving at the conclusion, "In the best sense in which religion is known, Jesus is its epitome." We do not discover anything "provincial" in the words "utmost parts of the world," as the author does. And why indulge again in the tiresome old pun "at-onement" for atonement? It is too senseless.

The Faith of a Middle-Aged Man. By Henry Kingman. Boston: Pilgrim Press, 1917. Pp. 250. \$1.25.

Dr. Henry Kingman of the Claremont, California, Congregational church has made a real contribution to those constructive statements of faith which our perplexed age is seeking to formulate. The book is tenderly personal, although the pronoun of the first person never is in evidence. The style is clear and beautiful. It is fearlessly practical. Note this principle and its application: "Our only safety is in honestly seeking the point of view of Jesus." ". . . A man of middle age, with a daughter of his own whose purity and wholesome happiness are of immeasurable value in his eyes, should at least be able by sympathy to understand how Jesus would feel were he looking at the pretty chorus girls of some popular ballet" (pp. 146, 147). The chapter on "Faith's Inner Citadel" is clear and assuring. Dr. Kingman treats "The Place of the Cross" with insight, driving us back to the primal fact that we are concerned with Jesus "as lost men with a Savior" (p. 95). The author desires his book to be one of "assurance for troubled times." It is.

The Christian Ministry and Social Problems. By Charles D. Williams. New York: Macmillan, 1917. Pp. 133. \$1.00.

The militant bishop of Michigan is at his best in this volume, which is appropriately inscribed to Walter Rauschenbusch. There are five chapters; but, strangely enough, no table of

contents. The copy in our hands bears a perforated title-page with the words "Advance copy for review not for sale." Undoubtedly since the book has been put on the market this omission has been rectified. To issue a book without table of contents or index is, in these busy days, poor work on the part of publishers. Bishop Williams discusses "The New Social Conscience," "Wealth and Poverty," "Charity or Justice," "The True Radicalism," and "Some Practical Agenda." His criticism of the church is severe, but the wounds are those of a friend. He says, "We have largely lost the masses who followed Jesus and won the classes who crucified him" (p. 60). The discussion of the relation of charity and justice goes to the root of the matter with insight and energy. There is no better statement of the way in which the preacher should handle his social theories than the counsels of Bishop Williams on pages 95-102, illustrated by his own use of his convictions as a single-taxer. The volume is in the series "Church Principles for Lay People." It will be wholesome for laymen as well as ministers to read the book.

Church Advertising. Compiled by W. B. Ashley. Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1917. Pp. 200. \$1.00.

This book contains twenty papers of exceedingly uneven merit, given at the annual convention of the associated advertising clubs of the world in the section on church advertising in June, 1916. There are excellent suggestions of general principles in them, but like all occasional addresses they contain too much rhetoric and exhortation and too little definite direction. The pastor who seeks specific help in the matter of church advertising will still turn to Reisner and other real manuals.

Unser Luther. By Hans Preuss. Leipzig: Werner Scholl, 1917. Pp. 111. 80 Pf.

This little book is a Jubilee contribution to the General Evangelical Lutheran Conference. It portrays the course of Luther's life in its broad outlines, at the same time bringing out many of the charming details. It takes into careful account the most recent results of scientific research, but at the same time seeks to present these results in an attractive popular style. It seeks less to make a hostile assault on Rome than to set forth the true spiritual and evangelical characteristics of the hero whom it celebrates.

In order to make its presentation more exact and lifelike, sixty-six illustrations are distributed through the book. Many of these are little or not at all known.